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Office Action Summary

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ZHAO ET AL.

Examiner

Keith T. Ferguson

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11-15, 19-24 and 29-31 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 25-28 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Art Unit location of your application in the USPTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Art Unit 2617.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

3. Claims 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 16 addresses a data structure signal modulated on a wireless carrier signal (i.e. an ephemeris data issue identifier with two fields). A data structure modulate on a wireless carrier signal is considered functional descriptive material (i.e. the transmission to the mobile station on a modulate carrier signal is not sufficient post processing activity since it has not established a new use of a known process).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the

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differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kingdom et al. in view of Pratt.

Regarding claims 16, Kingdom et al. discloses a GPS ephemeris data issue identifier (identity of satellites, clock correction and differential correction) for transmission to a GPS enabled mobile station (MS) in a cellular communications network (paragraph 0023 line 1 through paragraph 0026 line 7). Kingdom et al. differs from claim 16 of the present invention in that it does not explicit disclose a first field with satellite identifier data; and a second field with an ephemeris sequence number. Pratt teaches a terrestrial station transmits ephemeris data in a short message service (SMS) to a mobile receiver to help aid the mobile receiver to determine its position (col. 5 line 1 through col. 6 line 9). Pratt further teaches the ephemeris data includes a data description (first field) that includes satellite position data (fig. 2), and a designation field (second field) that contains a number (900) (sequence number) times (x) the number of satellites in view (fig. 2 and col. 5 lines 1-15). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was

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made to modify Kingdom et al. with a first field containing a satellite identifier data; a second field with an ephemeris sequence number in order for the for the base station to provide location assistance information of nearby satellites to the mobile station to help aid the mobile station in locating its position while reducing the mobile station scan time when searching for nearby satellites, as taught by Pratt.

Regarding claim 18, Kingdom et al. discloses a broadcast message (paragraph 0024 lines 1-7).

6. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kingdom et al. in view of Pratt as applied to claim 16 above and in further view of Farley et al., newly recited reference.

Regarding claim 17, the combination of Kingdom et al. and Pratt differs from claim 17 of the present invention in that it does not disclose the first field is at least 5 bits and the second field is at least 3 bits. Farley et al. teaches a pseudolite globe signal (175) containing ephemeris data is transmitted to aid a receiver (col. 5 lines 5-45), the ephemeris data contains frames and subframe that are 6 bits and 3 bits (col. 5 lines 30-45). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the combination of Kingdom et al. and Pratt with the first field is at least 5 bits and the second field is at least 3 bits in order for the base station to broadcast the satellite positions and number of satellites that may be in view in a definable broadcast message so that the mobile station can

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understand the ephemeris data when received, as taught by Farley et al..

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 1-10 and 25-28 are allowed.

8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Upon close review of the claims, the prior art of record and applicants remarks in the Amendment on page 10 line 19 through page 11 line 15, page 15 lines 6-21, page 19 line 9 through page 22 line 7 mailed June 3, 2004, it appears that the allowance of claims 1-10 and 25-28 is appropriate.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Keith T. Ferguson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7865. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am-4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on (571) 272-7872. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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